

**HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
DEPARTMENT[605]**

Adopted and Filed

Rule making related to joint 911 service boards

The Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department hereby amends Chapter 10, “911 Telephone Systems,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rule Making

This rule making is adopted under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 34A.22.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 34A.3 as amended by 2019 Iowa Acts, House File 516.

Purpose and Summary

The amendments add the sheriff of each county and the chief of police of each city operating a public safety answering point (PSAP) in that county as voting members of that county’s joint 911 service board.

Public Comment and Changes to Rule Making

Notice of Intended Action for this rule making was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on November 20, 2019, as **ARC 4769C**. No public comments were received. No changes from the Notice have been made.

Adoption of Rule Making

This rule making was adopted by the Department on December 31, 2019.

Fiscal Impact

This rule making has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa, since the rule making deals only with membership of joint 911 service boards.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rule making would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Department for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rule making by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rule making at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee’s meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

Effective Date

This rule making will become effective on March 4, 2020.

The following rule-making actions are adopted:

ITEM 1. Amend paragraph **10.3(1)“a”** as follows:

a. Each political subdivision of the state, having a public safety agency serving territory within the county 911 service area, and each local emergency management agency as defined in Iowa Code section 29C.2 operating within the 911 service area is entitled to one voting membership. The sheriff of each county, or the sheriff’s designee, is entitled to voting membership on the county’s joint 911 service board. The chief of police of each city operating a public safety answering point, or the chief of police’s designee, is entitled to voting membership on the joint 911 service board of the county where the city is located. For the purposes of this paragraph, a township that operates a volunteer fire department providing fire protection services to the township, or a city that provides fire protection services through the operation of a volunteer fire department not financed through the operation of city government, shall be considered a political subdivision of the state having a public safety agency serving territory within the county.

ITEM 2. Amend **605—Chapter 10**, implementation sentence, as follows:

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 34A ~~as amended by 2017 Iowa Acts, Senate File 500.~~

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